## Flathead County Growth Policy Appendix B: Public Involvement Summary

The Flathead County Planning Board began the process of updating the 1987 Master Plan with a series of organizational workshops in the fall of 2002. It was decided that a series of "town hall meetings" would be the best way to distribute a survey, answer the public's questions about the growth policy, and learn what the people of Flathead County wanted to see in the document. The following timeline begins with the first "town hall meeting" that was held in the North Fork.

ALL public comments, meeting agendas, newspaper articles, papers, draft documents, emails and minutes referenced below are available for the public to review at the Flathead County Planning and Zoning Office, 1035 First Avenue West in Kalispell, MT.

November 12, 2002	TOWN HALL MEETING at Sonderson Hall in the North Fork. Planning Board met with members of the public to discuss ideas for a growth policy. Surveys were handed out consisting of questions submitted by members of the public.
November 19, 2002	TOWN HALL MEETING at the Earl Bennett building in Kalispell. Planning Board met with members of the public to discuss ideas for a growth policy. Surveys were handed out consisting of questions submitted by members of the public.
December 3, 2002	TOWN HALL MEETING at the Columbia Falls city hall. Planning Board met with members of the public to discuss ideas for a growth policy. Surveys were handed out consisting of questions submitted by members of the public.
December 10, 2002	TOWN HALL MEETING at the West Glacier Community Building. Planning Board met with members of the public to discuss ideas for a growth policy. Surveys were handed out consisting of questions submitted by members of the public.
December 17, 2002	TOWN HALL MEETING at the Whitefish City Hall.  Planning Board met with members of the public to discuss ideas for a growth policy. Surveys were handed out consisting of questions submitted by members of the public.
January 7, 2003	TOWN HALL MEETING at the Evergreen School.  Planning Board met with members of the public to

	discuss ideas for a growth policy. Surveys were handed out consisting of questions submitted by members of the public.
January 14, 2003	TOWN HALL MEETING at the Bissell School.  Planning Board met with members of the public to discuss ideas for a growth policy. Surveys were handed out consisting of questions submitted by members of the public.
January 21, 2003	TOWN HALL MEETING at the West Valley School.  Planning Board met with members of the public to discuss ideas for a growth policy. Surveys were handed out consisting of questions submitted by members of the public.
January 28, 2003	TOWN HALL MEETING at the Bigfork High School.  Planning Board met with members of the public to discuss ideas for a growth policy. Surveys were handed out consisting of questions submitted by members of the public.
February 4, 2003	TOWN HALL MEETING at the Lakeside School.  Planning Board met with members of the public to discuss ideas for a growth policy. Surveys were handed out consisting of questions submitted by members of the public.
February 11, 2003	TOWN HALL MEETING at the Smith Valley School.  Planning Board met with members of the public to discuss ideas for a growth policy. Surveys were handed out consisting of questions submitted by members of the public.
February 18, 2003	TOWN HALL MEETING at the Somers School.  Planning Board met with members of the public to discuss ideas for a growth policy. Surveys were handed out consisting of questions submitted by members of the public.
February 25, 2003	TOWN HALL MEETING at the Creston School.  Planning Board met with members of the public to discuss ideas for a growth policy. Surveys were handed out consisting of questions submitted by members of the public.

March 4, 2003	TOWN HALL MEETING at the Marion School.  Planning Board met with members of the public to discuss ideas for a growth policy. Surveys were handed out consisting of questions submitted by members of the public.
March 11, 2003	TOWN HALL MEETING at the Canyon Elementary School. Planning Board met with members of the public to discuss ideas for a growth policy. Surveys were handed out consisting of questions submitted by members of the public.
March 18, 2003	• TOWN HALL MEETING at the Olney Fire Hall. Planning Board met with members of the public to discuss ideas for a growth policy. Surveys were handed out consisting of questions submitted by members of the public. 73 total responses were ultimately collected at all Town Hall meetings. Surveys and meeting minutes were used when drafting the growth policy.
July 7, 2003	Planning Board WORKSHOP to discuss and prioritize work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy. (Approval of minutes from this meeting occurred on July 30, 2003)
July 25, 2003	Planning Board WORKSHOP to discuss and prioritize work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy. (Approval of minutes from this meeting occurred on July 30, 2003)
July 30, 2003	• Planning Board <b>WORKSHOP</b> to discuss and prioritize work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy. (Minutes from this meeting indicate workshops to be held August 6, 20 and 27, but no minutes of August 20 and 27 workshops exist).
August 6, 2003	Planning Board <b>WORKSHOP</b> to discuss and prioritize work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy.
August 20, 2003	Planning Board <b>WORKSHOP</b> to discuss and prioritize work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy.
August 27, 2003	Planning Board WORKSHOP to discuss and prioritize work being done to write the Flathead County Growth

	Policy.
September 30, 2003	Planning Board <b>WORKSHOP</b> to discuss and prioritize work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy.
October 1, 2003	Planning Board <b>WORKSHOP</b> to discuss and prioritize work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy.
October 29, 2003	Planning Board <b>WORKSHOP</b> to discuss and prioritize work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy.
December 3, 2003	<ul> <li>Planning Board WORKSHOP to discuss and prioritize work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy. (Minutes of this meeting were approved at January 21 meeting).</li> </ul>
January 21, 2004	<ul> <li>Planning Board WORKSHOP to discuss and prioritize work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy.</li> </ul>
January 28, 2004	• Planning Board <b>WORKSHOP</b> to discuss and prioritize work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy. (Minutes of this meeting approved at February 2004 meeting).
February 4, 2004	Planning Board <b>WORKSHOP</b> to discuss and prioritize work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy.
February 18, 2004	Planning Board <b>WORKSHOP</b> to discuss and prioritize work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy.
February 25, 2004	Planning Board <b>WORKSHOP</b> to discuss and prioritize work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy.
March 3, 2004	<ul> <li>Planning Board WORKSHOP to discuss and prioritize work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy.</li> </ul>
March 17, 2004	Planning Board WORKSHOP to discuss and prioritize

	work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy.
March 24, 2004	Planning Board WORKSHOP to discuss and prioritize work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy.
June 2, 2004	Planning Board WORKSHOP to discuss and prioritize work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy. (minutes of this meeting approved at June 16 meeting)
June 16, 2004	Planning Board <b>WORKSHOP</b> to discuss and prioritize work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy.
June 23, 2004	Planning Board <b>WORKSHOP</b> to discuss and prioritize work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy.
June 30, 2004	Planning Board WORKSHOP to discuss and prioritize work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy.
July 7, 2004	Planning Board <b>WORKSHOP</b> to discuss and prioritize work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy.
August 4, 2004	Planning Board <b>WORKSHOP</b> to discuss and prioritize work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy.
September 1, 2004	Planning Board <b>WORKSHOP</b> to discuss and prioritize work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy.
September 22, 2004	Planning Board <b>WORKSHOP</b> to discuss and prioritize work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy.
September 29, 2004	Planning Board <b>WORKSHOP</b> to discuss and prioritize work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy.
October 6, 2004	Planning Board WORKSHOP to discuss and prioritize

	work being done to write the Flathead County Growth Policy.
November 3, 2004	• Planning Board moves to have staff prepare a <b>RFQ</b> for consultants "to assist the Flathead County Planning Board in preparing the Growth Policy" and have the RFQ prepared by the next meeting (Nov. 10).
November 10, 2004	Draft <b>RFQ</b> presented to Planning Board and approved to be forwarded to Commissioners.
November 29, 2004	Commissioners authorize <b>RFQ</b> for publishing on December 5 and 19. RFQ published in <i>Missoulian</i> , <i>Independent Record</i> and <i>Daily Interlake</i> as well as nationally on the American Planning Association website.
January 26, 2005	SELECTION COMMITTEE, consisting of three members of the Flathead County Planning Board, meets and selects four most qualified applicants from submitted SOQs.
March 3, 2005	SELECTION COMMITTEE meets to hear presentations by three selected consulting firms (fourth dropped out prior to presentations).
March 18, 2005	CONSULTANT (Collins Planning Associates of Jackson, WY) is selected.
April 6, 2005	CONTRACT FOR SERVICES with Collins Planning     Associates is signed by Flathead County Commissioners.     Contract provides for initial "issue identification" visit and creation of a "scope of work" document detailing process for creating a Flathead County Growth Policy.
May 09, 2005	Consultants arrive for three-day "ISSUE IDENTIFICATION" visit. Meet with Commissioners, Long Range Planning Task Force, Planning Board and representatives from each of the neighborhood plans.
May 10, 2005	<ul> <li>PANEL ISSUE MEETINGS</li> <li>8:00 am- Transportation</li> <li>9:45 am- Public Health and Community Services</li> <li>12:45 pm- Mapping</li> <li>2:30 pm- Natural Resources</li> </ul>

	6:00 pm- PUBLIC Issue Meeting
May 11, 2005	<ul> <li>PANEL ISSUE MEETINGS</li> <li>8:00 am- Education</li> <li>9:45 am- Economic Development</li> <li>1:15 pm- Emergency Services</li> <li>2:30 pm- Recreation</li> <li>3:45 pm- Existing Zoning, Floodplain and Lakeshore Regulations.</li> <li>6:00 pm Conclusion meeting with Planning Board.</li> </ul>
May 31, 2005	SCOPE OF WORK document received from Collins.  Document calls for "Issue Papers" to present alternatives for addressing issues identified. Document also proposes a limited, advisory role for consultants in light of budget constraints. Document details work program that fits available budget and requires extensive "in house" work by staff.
July 5, 2005	Commissioners APPROVE CONTRACT for consultant's services for "Option A" outlined in scope of work. Consultants will serve an advisory role to staff. Issue paper preparation and scoping meetings will occur concurrently.
August 29, 2005	List of 271 "ISSUES" RELEASED and public comment requested.
August 31, 2005	NEWSPAPER article on page A6 of the Daily Interlake covers the variety of ways that public will be encouraged to interact with the upcoming growth policy process. List includes meetings, website, email, mailings, phone numbers to call, flyers and workshops.
October 12, 2005	PRESENTATION to local banks, realtors, and builders.
October 13, 2005	HOUSING ISSUE PAPER released.
November 6, 2005	<ul> <li>NEWSPAPER article on the front page of the Daily Interlake covers upcoming scoping meetings and gives schedule of all 21 meetings.</li> <li>POSTERS hung county-wide in retail businesses, libraries and offices displaying schedule of scoping meetings.</li> <li>TELEVISION coverage of scooping meeting schedule</li> </ul>

	on "Wake Up" on KTMF.
November 10, 2005	<ul> <li>NEWSPAPER article on the front page of the Bigfork Eagle covers upcoming scoping meetings and gives schedule of all meetings.</li> <li>GROWTH MANAGEMENT ISSUE PAPER released.</li> </ul>
November 16, 2005	7:00 am STAKEHOLDER MEETING with Kalispell Area Chamber of Commerce Natural Resources Committee.
November 17, 2005	<ul> <li>NATURAL RESOURCES ISSUE PAPER released.</li> <li>EDUCATONAL PRESENTATIONS to two Flathead Valley Community College classes. Approximately 20 students in each class.</li> </ul>
November 27, 2005	<ul> <li>NEWSPAPER article on the front page of the Daily Interlake covers upcoming scoping meetings and gives schedule of first four meetings.</li> <li>RADIO spots appear on all Flathead radio stations advertising December 5 scoping meeting.</li> </ul>
November 28, 2005	<ul> <li>Full page ADVERTISEMENT containing a schedule of all scoping meetings appears on Page A14 of Daily Interlake.</li> <li>SCOPING MEETING held at 6:00 pm at the Olney Fire Hall. Written comments received from approximately 35 people in attendance.</li> </ul>
November 29, 2005	SCOPING MEETING held at 6:00 pm at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork. Written comments received from approximately 44 people in attendance.
November 30, 2005	SCOPING MEETING held at 6:00 pm at Somers School. Written comments received from approximately 41 people in attendance.
December 1, 2005	SCOPING MEETING held at 6:00 pm in the Glacier National Park Community Center in West Glacier. Written comments received from approximately 30 people in attendance.
December 5, 2005	<ul> <li>RADIO commercials appear on all Flathead radio stations advertising Dec. 5 Scoping Meeting.</li> <li>SCOPING MEETING held at 6:00 pm at Kalispell</li> </ul>

	Junior High School. Written comments received from approximately 11 people in attendance.
December 6, 2005	<ul> <li>Full list of scooping meetings appear on <a href="https://www.flatheadevents.com">www.flatheadevents.com</a> WEBSITE</li> <li>SCOPING MEETING held at 6:00 pm at West Valley School. Written comments received from approximately 22 people in attendance.</li> </ul>
December 12, 2005	<ul> <li>NEWSPAPER article on page A11 of the Daily Interlake covers upcoming scoping meetings and gives schedule of five upcoming meetings.</li> <li>TELEVISION covers growth policy on ABC-42.</li> <li>SCOPING MEETING held at 1:00 pm at Flathead Electric in Evergreen. Written comments received from approximately 38 people in attendance.</li> <li>SCOPING MEETING held at 6:00 pm at Evergreen Junior High School. Written comments received from approximately 20 people in attendance.</li> </ul>
December 13, 2005	SCOPING MEETING held at 6:00 pm at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork. Written comments received from approximately 9 people in attendance.
December 14, 2005	<ul> <li>9:00 am EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION to         "Career Awareness" class at Flathead Valley Community         College.</li> <li>SCOPING MEETING held at 6:00 pm at West Valley         School. Written comments received from approximately         21 people in attendance.</li> </ul>
December 15, 2005	SCOPING MEETING held at 6:00 pm at Creston School. Written comments received from approximately 25 people in attendance.
December 16, 2005	COMMUNITY CHARACTER ISSUE PAPER released.
December 29, 2005	NEWSPAPER article on page A6 of the Daily Interlake covers public opinions presented at scoping meetings so far and gives schedule of four upcoming meetings.
January 3, 2006	<ul> <li>NEWSPAPER article in the Westshore News covers upcoming January 9 meeting in Lakeside.</li> <li>Scoping meetings continue to appear in the Daybook</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>calendar in the Daily Interlake.</li> <li>Schedule of January scoping meetings appears in the Interact section of the Daily Interlake.</li> <li>SCOPING MEETING held at 1:00 pm at the Earl Bennett building in Kalispell. Written comments received from approximately 22 people in attendance.</li> <li>SCOPING MEETING held at 6:00 pm at Marion School. Written comments received from approximately 58 people in attendance.</li> </ul>
January 5, 2006	<ul> <li>NEWSPAPER article about the January 9 and 17 scoping meetings appears on the front page of the Hungry Horse News.</li> <li>SCOPING MEETING held at 1:00 pm at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. Written comments received from approximately 23 people in attendance.</li> <li>SCOPING MEETING held at 6:00 pm at the Earl Bennett building in Kalispell. Written comments received from approximately 14 people in attendance.</li> </ul>
January 8, 2006	LEGAL NOTICE of January 25 workshop appears in Daily Interlake.
January 9, 2006	<ul> <li>SCOPING MEETING held at 1:00 pm at Moving Image in Columbia Falls. Written comments received from approximately 26 people in attendance.</li> <li>SCOPING MEETING held at 6:00 pm at Lakeside Chapel. Written comments received from approximately 49 people in attendance.</li> </ul>
January 10, 2006	• SCOPING MEETING held at 6:00 pm at Smith Valley School. Written comments received from approximately 47 people in attendance.
January 12, 2006	<ul> <li>NEWSPAPER article describing January 9 scoping meeting appears on page A9 of the Hungry Horse News.</li> <li>SCOPING MEETING held at 6:00 pm at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. Written comments received from approximately 25 people in attendance.</li> </ul>
January 16, 2006	NEWSPAPER article on page A5 of the Daily Interlake reviews scoping meetings so far and gives schedule of 2 remaining meetings.
January 17, 2006	SCOPING MEETING held at 6:00 pm at Moving

	Image in Columbia Falls. Written comments received from approximately 18 people in attendance.
January 18, 2006	<ul> <li>SCOPING MEETING held at 6:00 pm at Swan River School outside Bigfork. Written comments received from approximately 25 people in attendance.</li> <li>TELEVISION covers growth policy on KAJ.</li> </ul>
January 24, 2006	NEWSPAPER article covering January 25 joint Planning Board/Long Range Planning Task Force workshop appears on page A6 of the Daily Interlake.
January 25, 2006	6:00 pm WORKSHOP held at which Planning Board/Long Range Planning Task Force reviewed scoping meetings and public comments received at meetings. 44 people in attendance. Draft growth policy outline and completion timeline is distributed.
January 26, 2006	NEWSPAPER article covering final scoping meeting at Swan River School and discussing the upcoming process appears on the front page of the Bigfork Eagle.
February 3, 2006	STAKEHOLDER MEETING with Flathead County farmers. 33 attended.
February 17, 2006	STAKEHOLDER MEETING with Flathead County timber interests. 10 attended.
February 21, 2006	<ul> <li>12:00 pm EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION on the Flathead County Growth Policy effort to approximately 170 members of the Kalispell Area Chamber of Commerce.</li> <li>STAKEHOLDER MEETING with Flathead National Forest. Forest supervisor, public relations director and planning staff present.</li> </ul>
February 22, 2006	<ul> <li>1:00 pm EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION to the North Fork Interlocal Agreement Meeting.         Approximately 49 people attended.</li> <li>6:00 pm JOINT WORKSHOP held at which Planning Board/Long Range Planning Task Force received a progress report and gave approval of the general direction the process was headed.</li> </ul>
February 23, 2006	12:00 pm EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION to a

	faculty luncheon at Flathead Valley Community College. Approximately 15 faculty attended.
February 26, 2006	NEWSPAPER article covering ongoing writing of draft growth policy appears on page A6 of the Daily Interlake.
February 28, 2006	<ul> <li>STAKEHOLDER MEETING with Columbia Falls         City Manager and Flathead County planning staff.</li> <li>STAKEHOLDER MEETING with Flathead County         Solid Waste District and Flathead County planning staff.</li> </ul>
March 3, 2006	STAKEHOLDER MEETING with The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation and Flathead County planning staff.
March 8, 2006	<ul> <li>10:00 am STAKEHOLDER MEETING with Kalispell management and Flathead County planning staff.</li> <li>12:00 pm STAKEHOLDER MEETING with Flathead Conservation Roundtable and planning staff.</li> <li>3:00 pm STAKEHOLDER MEETING with Whitefish planning staff and Flathead County planning staff.</li> <li>4:00 pm STAKEHOLDER MEETING with Whitefish growth policy steering committee and Flathead County planning staff.</li> </ul>
March 24, 2006	EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION scheduled for Flathead County real estate professionals. All members of NMAR were notified and 3 attended. Presentation was postponed.
March 28, 2006	EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION to the Lakeside Chamber of Commerce at Vista Linda south of Somers.
March 29, 2006	STAKEHOLDER MEETING with leadership of local property rights group.
March 30, 2006	12:00 pm <b>EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION</b> to approximately 60-70 members of the Kalispell Rotary Club.
April 6, 2006	STAKEHOLDER MEETING with representatives of Flathead County schools.
April 7, 2006	STAKEHOLDER MEETING with representatives of public and private utility companies.

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April 14, 2006	STAKEHOLDER MEETING with representatives of local surveying companies.
April 18, 2006	6:00 pm EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION to the Flathead Builders and Industry Association.  Approximately 150 people in attendance, presentation was approximately one hour long.
April 19, 2006	• 7:00 am <b>EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION</b> to members of the "Business Network Inc." 23 people in attendance.
April 20, 2006	EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION to a Geography class at FVCC. Approximately 11 students present, presentation lasted 60 minutes.
April 25, 2006	NEWSPAPER article covering April 26 joint Planning Board/Long Range Planning Task Force workshop appears on page A6 of the Daily Interlake.
April 26, 2006	• 6:00 pm <b>WORKSHOP</b> held at which Planning Board/Long Range Planning Task Force first reviewed preliminary goals and policies and suggested changes. 35 people in attendance.
April 28, 2006	STAKEHOLDER MEETING with representatives of local property rights groups.
May 31, 2006	6:00 pm <b>JOINT WORKSHOP</b> held at which Planning Board/Long Range Planning Task Force reviewed draft goals and policies and suggested numerous revisions.
June 8, 2006	• 7:00 am <b>EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION</b> to the "Daybreakers Rotary Club." Approximately 50 people in attendance, spoke for 15 minutes and took 5 minutes of questions.
June 22, 2006	11:20 am Presentation to <b>COMMISSIONERS</b> summarizing the entire public process through recent completion of the Draft Growth Policy and reviewing upcoming distribution and meeting schedule.
June 25, 2006	NEWSPAPER article in the Daily Interlake advertising day of availability and all methods to interact with draft

	growth policy.
June 27, 2006	PRESS RELEASE announcing availability of Draft Flathead County Growth Policy sent to all radio, tv and newspapers in Flathead County.
June 28, 2006	DRAFT GROWTH POLICY given to Planning Board
June 29, 2006	<ul> <li>Draft Growth Policy given to Commissioners</li> <li>11:00 am, Draft Growth Policy available online</li> <li>5:00 pm, Email sent to 700+ recipients notifying that draft available online.</li> </ul>
June 30, 2006	<ul> <li>Draft Growth Policy available in paper form at Flathead County libraries and Flathead County Planning and Zoning Office.</li> <li>ADVERTISEMENT of draft availability and all upcoming open houses appears on page A5 of Daily Interlake.</li> </ul>
July 2, 2006	ADVERTISEMENT of draft availability and all upcoming open houses appears on Page A4 of Daily Interlake.
July 3, 2006	ADVERTISEMENT of draft availability and all upcoming open houses appears on Page A7 of Daily Interlake.
July 4, 2006	ADVERTISEMENT of draft availability and all upcoming open houses appears on Page A7 of Daily Interlake.
July 5, 2006	ADVERTISEMENT of draft availability and all upcoming open houses appears on Page A7 of Daily Interlake.
July 6, 2006	<ul> <li>ADVERTISEMENT of draft availability and all upcoming open houses appears on Page A7 of Daily Interlake.</li> <li>ADVERTISEMENT of July 12 Bigfork open house appears in the Bigfork Eagle.</li> </ul>
July 8, 2006	ADVERTISEMENT of draft availability and all upcoming open houses appears on Page A7 of Daily Interlake.

July 9, 2006	NEWSPAPER article in Daily Interlake regarding open houses and comment opportunities.
July 10, 2006	<ul> <li>9:10 am, 50 minutes of "KOFI Talk" on KOFI</li> <li>6:00 pm, Draft Growth Policy OPEN HOUSE in Kalispell attended by 42 people.</li> </ul>
July 11, 2006	• 6:00 pm, Draft Growth Policy <b>OPEN HOUSE</b> in Evergreen attended by 20 people.
July 12, 2006	6:00 pm, Draft Growth Policy <b>OPEN HOUSE</b> in Bigfork attended by 63 people. Advertisement of meeting appeared in the July 6 Bigfork Eagle.
July 13, 2006	<ul> <li>6:00 pm, Joint Draft Growth Policy WORKSHOP between Planning board and Long Range Planning Task Force to review first thoughts and comments. 8 members of public attended.</li> <li>Most local TV and RADIO stations carrying news stories regarding availability of draft and schedule of meetings.</li> <li>NEWSPAPER article in Daily Interlake regarding subdued response to draft.</li> <li>ADVERTISEMENT of draft availability and all upcoming open houses appears on Page 35 of Missoula Independent.</li> </ul>
July 16, 2006	NEWSPAPER article in Daily Interlake regarding first joint workshop.
July 17, 2006	• 6:00 pm, Draft Growth Policy <b>OPEN HOUSE</b> in Whitefish attended by 36 people.
July 18, 2006	<ul> <li>9:00 am, Meeting with agricultural landowners in Flathead County to discuss Draft Growth Policy</li> <li>6:00 pm, Draft Growth Policy OPEN HOUSE in Somers/Lakeside attended by 45 people.</li> </ul>
July 19, 2006	• 6:00 pm, Draft Growth Policy <b>OPEN HOUSE</b> in Columbia Falls attended by 8 people.
July 20, 2006	6:00 pm, Joint Draft Growth Policy WORKSHOP between Planning board and Long Range Planning Task Force to review first thoughts and comments. 7 members

	<ul> <li>of public attended.</li> <li>NEWSPAPER editorial in Daily Interlake regarding growth policy.</li> <li>NEWSPAPER article in Bigfork Eagle regarding July 12 open house.</li> <li>NEWSPAPER editorial in Hungry Horse News regarding growth policy.</li> <li>NEWSPAPER article in Whitefish Pilot regarding growth policy.</li> </ul>
July 23, 2006	NEWSPAPER article appears in Daily Interlake regarding upcoming events.
July 24, 2006	LEGAL NOTICE of August 8 and 10 public hearings appears in Daily Interlake.
July 30, 2006	NEWSPAPER editorial in Daily Interlake regarding close of public comment on draft growth policy.
August 01, 2006	• 5:00 pm, Close of written comment period. 625 paper copies of the draft were printed and distributed since June 28, 2006. Comments received from approximately 200 individuals and/or groups.
August 6, 2006	• Full page <b>ADVERTISEMENT</b> notifying of all public involvement so far, ways to read the draft, upcoming public hearings and upcoming process.
August 7, 2006	NEWSPAPER article appears in Daily Interlake regarding public hearings to be held August 8 and 10.
August 8, 2006	<ul> <li>Local RADIO and TV advertise public meetings throughout the day.</li> <li>NEWSPAPER article appears in Daily Interlake regarding public hearings to be held tonight.</li> <li>6:00 pm, PUBLIC HEARING at Red Lion Kalispell Center. Attended by approximately 152 people. 52 people spoke. 9 additional written comments submitted.</li> </ul>
August 9, 2006	NEWSPAPER article appears in Daily Interlake regarding topics public discussed at August 8 hearing.
August 10, 2006	• 6:00 pm, <b>PUBLIC HEARING</b> at Red Lion Kalispell Center. Attended by approximately 90 people. 55 people spoke. 19 additional written comments submitted.

	NEWSPAPER article in the Missoula Independent regarding the content of the draft growth policy.
August 12, 2006	NEWSPAPER article appears in Daily Interlake regarding public comments received at August 10 hearing.
August 17, 2006	NEWSPAPER article in the Bigfork Eagle regarding August 8 and 10 public hearings.
August 18, 2006	<ul> <li>All PUBLIC COMMENTS along with staff revision suggestions available for public review. Electronic (CD and Online) and paper copies available.</li> <li>CONSULTANTS COMMENTS posted to the county website.</li> </ul>
August 20, 2006	LEGAL NOTICE of September 6 public hearing appears in Daily Interlake.
August 27, 2006	LEGAL NOTICE of September 7, 12, and 14 workshops appears in Daily Interlake.
September 1, 2006	NEWSPAPER article in Daily Interlake regarding September 6 hearing on revisions suggestions.
September 2, 2006	NEWSPAPER article in Daily Interlake regarding consultant's review of growth policy.
September 3, 2006	<ul> <li>NEWSPAPER article in Daily Interlake regarding public comments.</li> <li>LEGAL NOTICE of September 19 workshop appears in Daily Interlake.</li> <li>LEGAL NOTICE of September 7, 12, and 14 workshops appears again in Daily Interlake (also see August 27).</li> </ul>
September 6, 2006	• 6:00 pm, <b>PUBLIC HEARING</b> on staff's revision suggestions. Attended by 66 people. 30 people spoke. 10 written comments submitted to Planning Board.
September 7, 2006	6:00 pm <b>WORKSHOP</b> held at which Planning Board reviewed and revised Draft Growth Policy.
September 8, 2006	NEWSPAPER article in Daily Interlake regarding Planning Board beginning work on growth policy revisions.

September 10, 2006	<ul> <li>NEWSPAPER article in Daily Interlake regarding growth policy needing more time.</li> <li>NEWSPAPER article in Daily Interlake regarding zone changes being postponed until growth policy is adopted.</li> </ul>
September 12, 2006	6:00 pm <b>WORKSHOP</b> held at which Planning Board reviewed and revised Draft Growth Policy.
September 14, 2006	<ul> <li>6:00 pm WORKSHOP held at which Planning Board reviewed and revised Draft Growth Policy.</li> <li>NEWSPAPER article in Daily Interlake regarding open space provisions being removed from growth policy.</li> </ul>
September 17, 2006	<ul> <li>NEWSPAPER article in Daily Interlake regarding Planning Board supporting affordable housing.</li> <li>NEWSPAPER editorial in Daily Interlake regarding growth policy.</li> </ul>
September 19, 2006	<ul> <li>6:00 pm WORKSHOP held at which Planning Board reviewed and revised Draft Growth Policy.</li> <li>LEGAL NOTICE of September 26 and 28 workshops appears in Daily Interlake.</li> </ul>
September 21, 2006	NEWSPAPER article in Daily Interlake regarding speed at which draft will be reviewed.
September 26, 2006	6:00 pm <b>WORKSHOP</b> held at which Planning Board reviewed and revised Draft Growth Policy.
September 28, 2006	6:00 pm <b>WORKSHOP</b> held at which Planning Board reviewed and revised Draft Growth Policy.
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October 26, 2006	<ul> <li>6:00 pm WORKSHOP held at which Planning Board reviewed and revised Draft Growth Policy.</li> </ul>
November 2, 2006	<ul> <li>6:00 pm WORKSHOP held at which Planning Board reviewed and revised Draft Growth Policy.</li> <li>NEWSPAPER article in Daily Interlake updating public on workshop review process and status</li> </ul>
November 9, 2006	6:00 pm <b>WORKSHOP</b> held at which Planning Board reviewed and revised Draft Growth Policy.
November 12, 2006	<ul> <li>NEWSPAPER article on front page of Daily Interlake informing that final adoption of the growth policy will now officially take place in the new year, due to timing required for all actions.</li> </ul>
November 14, 2006	<ul> <li>6:00 pm WORKSHOP held at which Planning Board reviewed and revised Draft Growth Policy.</li> </ul>
November 16, 2006	<ul> <li>6:00 pm WORKSHOP held at which Planning Board reviewed and revised Draft Growth Policy.</li> </ul>
November 17, 2006	<ul> <li>NEWSPAPER article in Daily Interlake regarding planning board deciding to hold a special meeting on December 11.</li> </ul>
November 21, 2006	• 6:00 pm <b>WORKSHOP</b> held at which Planning Board reviewed and revised Draft Growth Policy.
November 24, 2006	<ul> <li>LEGAL NOTICE of December 11 special meeting appears in Daily Interlake.</li> </ul>
November 30, 2006	<ul> <li>6:00 pm WORKSHOP held at which Planning Board reviewed and revised Draft Growth Policy. Planning Board finished revising document, adopted Appendix A and cancelled meetings scheduled for Dec. 5 and 7.</li> </ul>
December 10, 2006	• <b>NEWSPAPER</b> article in Daily Interlake regarding special meeting to be held December 11 and highlighting some of the changes to the draft.

December 11, 2006	6:00 pm <b>SPECIAL MEETING</b> held by the Planning Board to pass a resolution unanimously recommending approval of the revised draft growth policy.
December 12, 2006	NEWSPAPER article in Daily Interlake regarding unanimous approval of resolution favorably forwarding the draft growth policy to the commissioners.
December 14, 2006	<ul> <li>NEWSPAPER article in the Hungry Horse News regarding unanimous approval of resolution favorably forwarding the draft growth policy to the commissioners.</li> <li>Tentative Commissioner's review SCHEDULE RELEASED via email to over 600 people and all media outlets. Public service announcements will follow in Daily Interlake.</li> </ul>
December 15, 2006	NEWSPAPER editorial in Daily Interlake thanking staff, citizens and especially planning board for all their work and effort in moving the growth policy forward
December 18, 2006	NEWSPAPER article appears on page A6 of Daily Interlake summarizing Commissioner's review schedule released December 14 (see above). Dates, locations and times of meetings are given, as well as reference to tentative nature of schedule.
December 24, 2006	4" by 5.5" newspaper <b>ADVERTISEMENT</b> notifying public of commissioner's growth policy workshop appears in the Daily Interlake on page D3, opposite the Opinion page.
December 31, 2006	4" by 5.5" newspaper <b>ADVERTISEMENT</b> notifying public of commissioner's growth policy workshop appears in the Daily Interlake on page A15.
January 9, 2007	<ul> <li>NEWSPAPER article appears on front page of Daily Interlake indicating that a meeting will take place that night for the commissioners to review the growth policy, and that public comment will be taken.</li> <li>Commissioners hold a WORKSHOP meeting at which they review the growth policy as revised by the planning board, ask representatives of the planning board questions, and take public comment per open meeting laws.</li> </ul>

January 10, 2007	NEWSPAPER article appears on front page of Daily Interlake reviewing the first workshop that was held and a summary of the Commissioner's review and public comment received.
January 13, 2007	NEWSPAPER article appears on front page of Daily Interlake covering changes to the Commissioner's review schedule. Same meetings, just rescheduled to give staff more time to review public comment.
January 18, 2007	• STAFF REPORT presented to Commissioners summarizing public comment on Planning Board's changes to Draft Growth Policy received through January 11, 2007.
January 19, 2007	NEWSPAPER article appears on front page of Daily Interlake summarizing comments on the Planning Board's revisions to the Growth Policy and issues raised by public on morning of January 18 at Commissioner's morning general comment period.
January 23, 2007	COMMISSIONER'S WORKSHOP to review draft growth policy and planning board's revisions.  Commissioners proposed and made changes to revised draft growth policy.
January 24, 2007	NEWSPAPER article appears on front page of Daily Interlake summarizing work done by Commissioners at January 23, 2007 workshop.
January 29, 2007	NEWSPAPER article appears on the Valley page of the Daily Interlake discussing schedule of commissioners review events.
January 30, 2007	COMMISSIONER'S WORKSHOP to review draft growth policy and planning board's revisions.  Commissioners proposed and made changes to revised draft growth policy.
January 31, 2007	NEWSPAPER article appears on front page of Daily Interlake summarizing work done by Commissioners at January 30, 2007 workshop.
February 05, 2007	COMMISSIONERS PASS resolution of intent to adopt

	final draft of Flathead County Growth Policy, beginning 30-day comment period.
February 06, 2007	<ul> <li>NEWSPAPER article appears on page A6 of Daily Interlake covering passage of resolution of intent and announcing 30-day comment period.</li> <li>RADIO stations carry notification of opening of 30-day comment period.</li> </ul>
March 9, 2007	30-day final draft public <b>COMMENT PERIOD ENDS</b> at 5:00 pm. 145 individual comments and 2 petitions received.
March 19, 2007	<ul> <li>Flathead County COMMISSIONERS APPROVE Resolution #2015A adopting Flathead County Growth Policy</li> <li>TELEVISION report covering adoption of growth policy.</li> </ul>
March 20, 2007	NEWSPAPER article appears on front page of Daily Interlake announcing adoption of new growth policy.
March 22, 2007	NEWSPAPER articles appear in Whitefish Pilot and Hungry Horse News announcing adoption of new growth policy.
March 29, 2007	NEWSPAPER article in the Missoula Independent covers adoption of the Flathead County Growth Policy.

The growth policy process outlined above was finished with a series of 6 town hall meetings at which the public was encouraged to learn and ask questions about the new growth policy. Staff was available from 6:00 to 7:30 at each of the meetings listed below.

## "50 for the Flathead"

March 26, 6:00 pm-Evergreen, Flathead Electric

March 27, 6:00 pm-Marion School Gym

April 9, 6:00 pm- Lakeside Chapel

April 17, 6:00 pm-Bigfork, Bethany Lutheran

April 24, 6:00 pm-Glacier National Park Community Building

May 1, 6:00 pm- Whitefish, Mountain West Bank